

Materials Division Monthly Report

BRANCH: Food and Agriculture

Report for December 1958

I. Accomplishments

A. Scheduled Reports and Contributions

1. Transmittal of ORR Project 21.2323, "Outlook for Agricultural Production in the Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1958."

B. Support Projects

None

C. Other Support Activities

1. Contribution for the OCI Periodic Requirements List, USSR and European Satellites, for 1 January-30 April 1959 submitted to St/I.
2. Submitted proposed introductory information for EIC-P-12, "Policies, Performance, and Prospects of Soviet Agriculture, to members of the EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] prepared a written evaluation of the Intelligence Research Techniques Course, which he had just finished for the Branch and Chief, D/M.

4. Forwarded additional requirements for information on Bulgarian crop and weather conditions to St/I.
5. Transmitted requirements to St/I for information on crop and weather conditions in the vicinity of Korce, Albania.

25X6A 6. Submitted requirements to St/I for information on foodstuffs to be obtained from a meeting on [REDACTED] stockpile objectives.

7. Contribution for the OCI Periodic Requirements List, Far East, for 1 February-31 May 1959 forwarded to St/I.
8. Memo submitted to Chief, Far East Branch, FDD, on evaluation of agricultural statistical reporting by FDD.
9. Memo submitted to Chief, European Satellites Branch, FDD, regarding suggestions for the format of JPRS publication, Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing in Hungary.

10. Suggested changes for the 1959 revision of the Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook forwarded to St/PB/A.
11. Transmitted to St/I a suggested list of questions on Soviet agriculture

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12. Submitted proposed item, for the Current Intelligence Digest on Khrushchev's speech at the opening meeting of the Central Committee, CPSU.
13. Forwarded suggested item for the Current Intelligence Digest on the agricultural resolution made by the Central Committee, CPSU.

II. Program

- A. The deadline (to D/A) for ORR Project 10.2205, European Satellite NIE, was changed to 13 March 1959.

III. Administrative

A. Personnel

B. Training

- 25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] completed the first trimester of the first year of off-hour German language training with the Agency.
- 25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] completed the second trimester of the second year of off-hour German language training with the Agency.

C. Miscellaneous Activities

1. Members of the Branch attended a briefing by Air Weather Service personnel on current weather conditions in Sino-Soviet Bloc countries. 25X1A5a1
- 25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] attended a briefing of [REDACTED] officer scheduled to report shortly to [REDACTED]
- 25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED], European Satellites Branch, FDD, for discussion of JPRS reporting on Hungarian agriculture.
- 25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED]
- 25X1A5a1 5. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] met with [REDACTED] to discuss the probable nature of foreign competition in fats and oils during 1958-59. 25X1A5a1
- 25X1A9a 6. [REDACTED] briefed personnel of Air Weather Service on the use being made of weather information in M/AG. 25X1A5a1
- 25X1A9a 7. [REDACTED] attended a meeting in which [REDACTED] discussed cost of production and cost of government acquisition of agricultural products in the USSR. 25X1A9a
- 25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] visited Air Weather Service with [REDACTED] (ST/C) to obtain information on the location of weather stations in the USSR. 25X1A5a1
- 25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] attended a debriefing [REDACTED] 25X1A5a1
- 25X1A9a 10.2 [REDACTED] attended a [REDACTED]
- 25X1A6a 11. Mr. [REDACTED] attended a debriefing of the Agency chief of station (DDP) [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

IV. Comments

A. Principal Problems

1. The possible restriction of external research funds threatens to seriously limit M/AG research efforts. Restriction of these funds also would be quite embarrassing to the Branch and Agency, due to the fact that negotiations for external research have been going on for some time.

B. Plans

1. It recently was learned that [REDACTED] has compiled information on [REDACTED] Branch personnel expect to contact [REDACTED] soon to see if this information can be obtained.
- 25X1A5a1 [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED]